Minister of FINANCE be pleased to Sale:

(a) whether then is any proposal under Government's consideration to further strengthen the Gold Bond Scheme or to introduce a New Gold Bond Scheme as a National Scheme, making it more attractive to mobilise resources;

(b) whether there is also another proposal to impose luxury tax on gold in possession of per-sons over and above the prescribed limit; and

(c) if so what is the decision, if any, taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No such proposal is under consideration at present

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Excive Duty on Medical Steel Furalture

5458. DR. BAPU KALDATE. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Association of Hos-pitals, Bombay regarding the heavy financial burden likely to be caused on the charitable institutions with the imposition of Central Excise duty at 20 per cent advalorem on medical steel furniture and parts of steel furniture cowered under heading No. 94.02 and requesting for the withdrawal of the Central Excise duty, and

(b)if so what is the decision if any, taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. Y. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, *Sir.*

(b) The representation is under examirsa-tion.

Presmeptive Tax Scheme far Income lax

5439. SHRI ANANT RAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a presumptive tax scheme for payment of income-tax was introduced by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount spent on promotion and publicity on this scheme as on March 31, 1994: and

(d) the amount of revenue earned as income-tax under this scheme so far, state-wise; the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes. Sir. A Presumptive Tax Scheme for small businessmen has been introduced with effect from assessment year 1993-94.

(b) The salient features of the Scheme are as follows:—

The Scheme is applicable to individuals and Hindu Undivided Families not so far assessed to tax having income from retail trade in any goads or from the business of running an eating place or of running a motor car, three-wheeler motor vehicle, etc. or engaged in any vocation. The Scheme is applicable only if the turnover of the retail trade does not exceed Rs. 5 lakhs and the income does not exceed Rs. 37,000 (Assessment year 1994-95). In other cases the Scheme will be applicable if the income does not exceed Rs. 57,000 (assessment year 1994-9S)i The Scheme envisages a very sample procedure of filing a simplified form indicating the *name,,* address, die type of business or vocation and the status wfth a declaration that the incora? does not esceeai the specified limits. Tax payable utMJtsj: the Schems will generally be Rs. 1400 while a Sightly higher amount will have to be paid by me Hindu Undivided Families with a memfcer having taxable income and also persons having income from either sources upto Rs. 5000/- The Scheme is purely optional and, in respect of per-sons opting for the Scheme, no other pro-ceedings shall be initiated under the Income-tax Art except in cases where the stesenien! fur-nished by any person is found to be untrue;

(c) Upto March 31, 1994. a sum of Rs 3.74,78,150/- has been spent on promotion end publicity of the presumptive tax scheme;

(d) The revenue collection figures under the presumptive tax scheme an not maintained state-wise: they are maintained by Chief Commissioner of income tax region wise The details maintained by the Chief Commissioner of Income-tax. region-wise regarding collection of presumptive tax during 1993-94 are given in the enclosed statement

Statement

Details ragardmg region-wise collection of pre-sumptive tax during 1993-94

(Rupees in lakha)

	Provisional
Bombay	68
Calcutta	46
Delhi	148
Madras	68
Bangalore	301
Bhopal	23
Cochin	25
Chandigarh	631
Pune	92
Lucknow	37
Hyderabad	657
Ahmedabad	96
Jaipur	124
Kanpur	29
Pune	193
Total :	2538

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S460. SHRI MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATUR VED!:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether it Is fact that lb* Uttar Pradesh Government has approached the Central Government for tax holiday to industrial unit to the hill districts of the State, under Section 80(i) A of the Income Tex Act; if so, what are the details and what action has been taken to *grent far* facility, and

(b) if no action has been taken, what are the difficulties and by when this facility would be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes. Sir. The Government has received several representations in which requests have been made for granting tax holiday for units set up in the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh. The Finance Bill, 1994 contains a proposal for extending the tax.. holiday under section 80-IA to industrial units set up in very backward districts to be notified on the basis of a uniform set of criteria. The mailer of laving down uniform set of criteria and of identifying backward districts on the basis of those criteria, is entrusted to a Group. Letters have been written to State Governments for fur-nishing data on various economic and social indicators district-wise. Notification of the backward districts will be issued soon after the Group receives data from all the States concerned.

(b) in view of the above, question does not arise.

Compaterisation of Banks

3461. SHRI RAJUBHAI A PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have suited the first fully computerised branch of the Syndicate Bank in New Delhi recently?

(b) what is the total number of bank branches which are hilly computerised in the country. State-wise:

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are in favour of complete change over to fully com-puterise all the bank branches in the country in the near future or in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The Mowing branches of Syndicate Bank in New Delhi are fully computerised :—

Nehru Place
South Block